AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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REMARKS

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005.

Claims 1, 9, and 31 are amended and claim 4 is canceled. As a result, claims 1-3, 5-16 and 31-44 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cobbley et al. (U.S. 6,897,096). The Office Action also objected to claims 4, 9 and 31 as being otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has done so with respect to the claims, without characterizing the cited reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 9 and 31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such amendment has been done.

Claims 10-16 and 32-44 were allowed.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, John Greaves at (801) 278-9171 or the below signed attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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Please amend the drawings as follows: FIG 6B is amended to correct the reference numeral "600" to be the reference numeral --601--. FIG 6B is further amended to correct the reference numeral "112" to be the reference numeral --612--. A copy of the corrected drawing, labeled "REPLACEMENT SHEET" is attached.